

Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs

LD 55

An Act to Clarify Referendum Wording

**DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHIELDS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 55 proposed to require that the wording of referenda be phrased so that an affirmative vote would be in favor of the subject or issue in question rather than in favor of the petitioner's position.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-532) proposed to clarify the bill to include referendum questions on the ballot at a municipal election. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 71

An Act Regarding Commercial Beano Halls

PUBLIC 74

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LABRECQUE DAGGETT	OTP-AM	H-126

LD 71 proposed to amend laws applicable to beano as follows.

1. It would create a commercial beano hall permit, which must be acquired by an individual, corporation, partnership or unincorporated association seeking to rent or lease a building or facilities for profit to an organization licensed to conduct beano.
2. The applicant seeking a commercial beano hall permit would be required to submit information and fingerprint cards to the Chief of the State Police for owners and the manager so a background investigation may be conducted prior to issuance of the permit. The chief would be able to deny a permit to an owner if the owner or manager has been convicted of murder or a Class A, B or C crime or a violation of the chapters in the Maine Criminal Code that cover theft, forgery, fraud or unlawful gambling.
3. A commercial beano hall permittee and the permittee's employees would be prohibited from being members of the licensee organizations that rent the hall.
4. A commercial beano hall permit would be valid for one year for a fee of \$500.
5. The Chief of the State Police would be able to adopt rules necessary for the regulation of the operation of commercial beano halls. These would be routine technical rules. The chief would be authorized to suspend or revoke a commercial beano hall permit after appropriate notice and the opportunity for a hearing.
6. Operating a commercial beano hall without a permit or in violation of the rules adopted regarding operation of the hall or beano would be considered a Class E crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-126) provided an exemption for agricultural fair associations from the licensing requirements applicable to commercial beano hall permittees provided the agricultural fair associations are licensed and

conducting beano or bingo games pursuant to the laws specific to that type of organization. The amendment also added an allocation section and fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 74 establishes a commercial beano hall permit for those seeking to rent or lease a building for profit to an organization licensed to conduct beano. It provides a process for application which includes submission of fingerprint cards and background investigations. It also lists circumstances under which the Chief of the State Police may deny a permit. A commercial beano hall permit is valid for one year for a fee of \$500 and stipulates that a permittee and the permittee’s employees are prohibited from being members of the licensed organizations that rent the hall. Under this law, operation of a commercial beano hall without a permit is a Class E crime. Finally, the law authorizes the Chief of the State Police to adopt rules necessary for the regulation of this act and suspend or revoke licenses after appropriate notice of hearing.

LD 87

An Act to Require All Voting Places to be Accessible

PUBLIC 252

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAKER	ONTP MAJ	H-250
TREAT	OTP-AM MIN	H-445 BAKER
		S-258 DAGGETT

LD 87 proposed to require each municipality to provide at least one voting place that is accessible to persons with physical handicaps or impairments. Voters utilizing such accessible voting places would be permitted to use absentee ballots or be treated differently from other voters. This bill proposed to require such access at all voting places.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-250) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-445) required the Office of the Secretary of State and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to review the effects of this legislation and develop cost-saving recommendations to reduce costs of the mandate for any municipality affected by this legislation.

This amendment established a deadline for municipalities to have total polling place accessibility. All polling places located in publicly owned buildings must be accessible by April 1, 2000. All other polling places, such as churches, fraternal halls and other private facilities, must be accessible by July 1, 2001 if they are to be used by the municipality as polling places under this amendment.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-258) proposed to add a mandate preamble to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 252 requires each municipality to provide at least one voting place that is accessible to persons with physical handicaps or impairments. Publicly owned polling places must be accessible by April 1, 2000 and others, such as churches and fraternal halls, must be accessible by July 1, 2001. Public Law 1999, chapter 252 also directs the Office of the Secretary of State and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to review the effects of this law and make recommendations to reduce the costs of the mandate.

LD 89 Resolve, to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits RESOLVE 78 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCALEVEY CAREY	OTP-AM	H-312 S-444 MICHAUD

LD 89

This resolve proposed to establish the Commission to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service for Award of Benefits to Maine Veterans to examine ways to codify and standardize eligibility requirements for veterans' benefits based on periods of military service.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-312) In addition to changing the title of the resolve, the amendment proposes to establish the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits, alters the membership of the committee, changes the process of selecting cochairs and specifically adds the veterans' property tax exemption, veterans' burial eligibility and peacetime veterans' eligibility for benefits to the issues that are to be examined by the committee. It also would require the committee to hold public hearings to gather public comment on veterans' benefit issues.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-518) This amendment proposed to expand the membership of the Committee to Study Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits to include one member from each of five major veterans organizations.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-444) This amendment proposed to make technical corrections to the resolve to make it consistent with the study guidelines by allowing the committee to seek an extension of its reporting deadline.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 78 establishes the Commission to Study Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits. Chapter 78 was passed as an emergency measure effective June 17, 1999.

LD 91 An Act to Eliminate the Minimum Quota Requirement for a Store to Have a Lottery Machine DIED BETWEEN BODIES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK LIBBY	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 91 proposed to prohibit the Tri-State Lotto Commission from charging sales agents the balance of the difference between actual sales from an agents machine and the quota set by the commission if the sales agents do not meet the quota.

LD 122

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Amend the Timing of Elections Following the Submission of a Petition
for People's Veto**

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LONGLEY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-24
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LD 122 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that a people's veto be submitted to the people either at a regular statewide or general election, whichever comes first, not less than 60 days after the Governor's proclamation that the petition will be submitted to the voters. This resolution eliminates language in the constitution that authorizes the Governor to call a special election for purposes of submitting a petition for a people's veto to the voters.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-24) This amendment adds a fiscal note to the resolution.

Enacted law summary

Constitutional Resolution 1999, chapter 1 requires that a people's veto be submitted to the people either at a regular statewide election or a general election, whichever comes first, no less than 60 days after the Governor's proclamation that the people's veto will be put before the voters of the State. Under this resolution, the Governor is no longer authorized to call a special election for the purposes of a people's veto vote.

LD 131

An Act to Amend the Beano and Games of Chance Statutes

PUBLIC 63

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAGGETT TUTTLE	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-25
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LD 131 proposed to amend the Beano and games of chance statutes by:

1. Making a technical change by deleting unnecessary language.
2. Amending the statute that permits licensing of Beano games to make it clear that only Maine organizations may be licensed.
3. Amending the games of chance disposition of funds reporting requirements to require monthly reports for annual licensees rather than annual reports.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Public Safety.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-25) changed the number of days by which a disposition of funds report is due from a Beano licensee from six days to 10 business days.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 63 amends current law to specify that only Maine organizations may be licensed to conduct Beano. It also requires that those who have annual games of chance licenses report disposition of funds monthly. Public Law 1999, chapter 63 also increases the number of days by which a disposition of funds report is due from a Beano licensee.

LD 147 **An Act to Prohibit Public Broadcasting Stations from Auctioning** **ONTP**
Alcoholic Beverages

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AHEARNE	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 147 proposed to repeal the law that allows public broadcasting stations to accept for the purpose of an auction gift certificates from a brewery, winery or wholesaler of malt or brewed beverages or wines.

LD 148 **An Act to Make the Purchase or Sale of Liquor by Direct Shipment, Mail** **ONTP**
Order or the Internet a Class C Crime

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AHEARNE	ONTP	

LD 148 proposed to make the shipment or purchase of liquor from outside the State by mail order or direct shipment or via the Internet a Class C crime.

LD 151 An Act to Prohibit Mandatory Maine National Guard Membership CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAKER RUHLIN		

LD 151, which was carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposed to provide that membership in the Maine National Guard may not be required as a condition to obtaining or retaining employment with the State.

LD 158 An Act to Require an Elected Town Clerk to Nominate the Registrar of Voters ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LEMOINE PENDLETON	ONTP	

LD 158 proposed to require that a registrar of voters in a municipality with an elected clerk be nominated by the clerk and confirmed by the municipality's municipal officers.

LD 175 An Act to Establish Limits on Contributions to Political Action Committees That Support Candidates DIED BETWEEN BODIES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AMERO GLYNN	OTP-AM	

LD 175 proposed to limit to \$25,000 aggregate yearly contributions by an individual to political action committees that support candidates for state office.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-18) proposed to make the original bill consistent with the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2502 governing campaign reports in municipal elections. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 179 An Act to Reduce Lobbying Fees ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS	ONTP	

LD 179 proposed to reduce the minimum fees assessed for the registration of lobbyists from \$400 to \$200 and from \$200 to \$100 for the registration of each lobbyist associate.

LD 185**An Act to Enhance Enforcement of the Gambling Laws****ONTP**Sponsor(s)
MILLSCommittee Report
ONTPAmendments Adopted

LD 185 proposed changes regarding enforcement of the gambling laws. Specifically, the bill defined illegal gambling machines and provided that illegal gambling machines and their monetary contents would be subject to seizure and forfeiture in both civil and criminal proceedings. Seizure would have been pursuant to court process or without process if the seizure is incident to a search that is in conformity with constitutional requirements governing searches and seizures.

LD 188**An Act to Allow Unenrolled Voters to Serve as Election Workers at Polling Places****ONTP**Sponsor(s)
GOLDTHWAIT
COWGERCommittee Report
ONTPAmendments Adopted

LD 188 proposed to permit registered voters who are not enrolled in a political party to serve as election workers.

LD 204**An Act to Require the Secretary of State to Provide Single-sided Ballots upon Request of Municipal Clerks****ONTP**Sponsor(s)
LEMOINE
PENDLETONCommittee Report
ONTPAmendments Adopted

LD 204 proposed to require the Secretary of State to furnish single-sided ballots to any municipality whose clerk requests single-sided ballots.

LD 215**An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Acceptance of Campaign Contributions during Legislative Sessions****ONTP**Sponsor(s)
O'NEIL
NUTTING JCommittee Report
ONTPAmendments Adopted

LD 215 proposed to clarify the exception in current law to the prohibition against solicitation or acceptance of contribution by a candidate for the Legislature while the Legislature is in session, which permits acceptance or solicitation of a contribution if they are made after the deadline for filing as a candidate. The proposed clarification would have applied only to those candidates opposed in the primary election.

LD 230**An Act Relating to the Registration Requirements of the Military Selective Service Act****DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 230 proposed to prevent persons who failed to comply with the Military Selective Service Act of the United States from attending state-supported institutions of postsecondary or higher education, receiving student loans and being employed by the State or its political subdivisions.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-67), which was not adopted, replaced the original bill and proposed to prevent persons who failed to comply with the Military Selective Service Act of the United States from continuing to attend, as matriculated students, any state-supported institutions of postsecondary or higher education, receive student loans or grants or be employed by the State beyond a six-month probationary period.

LD 243**Resolve, to Allow Zelma Rudge to Sue the State****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 243 proposed to authorize Zelma Rudge, as personal representative of the estate of Victor Lizzotte, to bring a civil action against the State for damages resulting from the alleged negligence of the Department of Human Services concerning the death of Victor Lizzotte.

LD 246**An Act to Clarify the Use of Campaign Funds****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT GAGNE	ONTP	

LD 246 proposed to prohibit the direct transfer of funds from federal campaign accounts to state campaign accounts.

LD 255**An Act to Require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to Report Delinquent Filers****DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LOVETT	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 255 proposed to require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to issue a report each biennium to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal and veterans' affairs identifying filers of delinquent or problematic campaign reports.

LD 295**An Act Regarding Lobbying by Government Agencies and Organizations That Receive Public Funds****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUCK	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 295 proposed to limit lobbyists representing governmental departments and agencies to no more than eight hours of lobbying per month. The bill also proposed to require that before a lobbyist testifies to a legislative committee, the lobbyist disclose to the committee the amount of any compensation from a governmental source received by the lobbyist or the lobbyist's employer for the past year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-190), which was not adopted, proposed to remove the eight hour restriction from the original bill and add a definition of “governmental source.”

LD 313**An Act to Allow Honorably Discharged Veterans to Be Buried in the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery****PUBLIC 517**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARRIMAN BUCK	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 313 proposed to allow any honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces to be buried in the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 517 provides that any honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces may be buried in the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

LD 314**An Act to Restrict Circulators of Initiated Petitions from Being within 250 Feet of Voting Places****INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER	OTP-AM A ONTP B OTP-AM C	

LD 314 proposed to prohibit the circulator of a direct initiative petition from presenting any such petition and requesting voter signatures in the polling place or within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-42), which was not adopted, proposed to change the bill and its title by referring to petitions instead of initiated petitions specifically.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-43), which was not adopted, proposed to strike the bill and replace the title. The amended bill would prohibit the circulation of petitions within the voting place.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-106), which was not adopted, proposed to extend the restriction on certain persons being within 250 feet of a voting place to candidates for an election.

LD 335 **An Act to Require Reimbursement to Municipalities for the Cost of State Special Elections** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GLYNN	ONTP MAJ	
PENDLETON	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 335 proposed to require the State to reimburse municipalities for expenses incurred as a result of a statewide special election and to require that all designated polling places in a voting district be open for all elections.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-310), which was not adopted, proposed to strike two provisions of the original bill that prohibited consolidation of voting districts and required that all polling places be open for all classes of elections. The amendment retains the provision that the State pay for a municipality's expenses from a statewide special election.

LD 346 **An Act to Increase the Number of Absentee Ballots That A Person May Request** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLDUC	ONTP	

LD 346 proposed to allow a voter to make application to obtain absentee ballots for all elections during a calendar year.

LD 363 **An Act to Reduce Operating Under the Influence by Requiring Certification of On-premise Alcohol Servers** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCALEVEY	ONTP MAJ	
O'GARA	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 363 proposed to require all on-premise alcohol servers to complete a certified alcohol server education course. With this course, alcohol server education courses must be certified by the Commissioner of Public Safety. Instructors who teach alcohol server education courses would be required to be certified by the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement under this proposal. The bill would also have prohibited licensees who serve liquor on the premises from employing servers who have not completed a certified alcohol server education course.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRUE CAREY	OTP-AM	H-27

LD 367 proposed to clarify that the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement may consider changes to the selling location within a licensed premises rather than changes in the physical location of the entire premises when it receives an application for renewal of a liquor license.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Public Safety.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-27) clarified the bill by stating that the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement may not consider a minor change in the placement of liquor inventory that is within the scope of an agency liquor license, state law and agency rule as a reason to deny a renewal of a retail license.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 34 amended current law to clarify that the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement may consider changes to the selling location of liquor within a licensed premises not simply the location of the premises itself when it receives an application for renewal of a liquor license. Public Law 1999, chapter 34 further stipulates that minor changes of the selling location of liquor within a licensed premises may not be a factor for renewal of a retail license as long as that changes does not go beyond scope of the laws pertaining to the placement and marketing of liquor within a licensed premises.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POVICH CAREY	OTP-AM	S-333 DAGGETT

LD 382 proposed to allow a law enforcement officer to detain a person whom the officer believes to be a minor and to require that person to provide proof of name, address and date of birth if the person, as a minor, is the underlying cause or an element of a violation on the premises of a licensed liquor establishment.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Public Safety.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-313) proposed to strike the entire bill and replace it with two provisions that make refusal to provide proper identification a violation of the liquor laws. It also proposed to change the title of the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-333) replaced the bill. This amendment provided that a person who fails to provide proper identification to a law enforcement officer is subject to a civil forfeiture if:

1. The person is present on a licensed premises at a time when minors are not permitted to be on the premises;
2. The officer has reasonable and articulable suspicion that a violation of law has taken place or is taking place because a minor is present on licensed premises;

3. The officer has a reasonable and articulable suspicion that the person is a minor; and
4. The officer has informed the person that the officer is investigating a possible liquor violation involving the presence of minors on the licensed premises and that the officer believes that the person is a minor.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 413 provides that a person who fails to provide proper identification to a law enforcement officer is subject to a civil forfeiture if:

1. The person is present on a licensed premises at a time when minors are not permitted to be on the premises;
2. The officer has reasonable and articulable suspicion that a violation of law has taken place or is taking place because a minor is present on licensed premises;
3. The officer has reasonable and articulable suspicion that the person is a minor; and
4. The officer has informed the person that the officer is investigating a possible liquor violation involving the presence of minors on the licensed premises and that the officer believes that the person is a minor.

LD 396 An Act to Give Standing to Any Person Who Witnesses a Violation at a Polling Place ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GLYNN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 396 proposed to give a registered voter witnessing a violation at a polling place standing to seek an injunction of relief or declaration of violation in Superior Court.

LD 416 An Act to Ensure the Maintenance, Protection and Repair of Veterans' Graves, Headstones, Monuments and Markers ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LIBBY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 416 proposed to change current law, which requires towns to maintain the graves and markers of any Revolutionary War soldiers or sailors or any soldiers or sailors who were in the United States Army, Navy or Marines and who served in a war and are buried in graveyards in that town. A town that fails to do so may be penalized up to \$100.

This bill proposed to increase the fine to \$200 and make it mandatory.

LD 420

**An Act to Require Lobbyists to Disclose Whether They are Compensated
by a Committee Member**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	ONTP	

LD 420 proposed to require lobbyists to disclose whether they are employed directly or indirectly by a member of the committee before which they are testifying prior to testifying before that committee.

LD 431

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Prohibit Fees for Activity Related to the Election Process

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RINES	ONTP	

LD 431 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to prohibit the assessment of fees in connection with a citizen's participation in the election process.

LD 438

An Act to Expedite Removal of Invalid Voter Names from Voter Lists

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GLYNN	OTP-AM A ONTP B	

LD 438 proposed to change the process for the removal of inactive voters from voting lists by requiring municipal clerks to remove a voter from the voting list within 90 days after the second general election after the voter fails to respond to a change of address notice mailed by the clerk.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-384), which was not adopted, proposed to change the time when a voter must be removed from the voting list to 90 days after the ballots are unsealed.

LD 445

An Act to Amend the Election Laws Concerning Vacancies in the House of Representatives

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAYO CAREY	ONTP	

LD 445 proposed to allow any voter eligible to vote in a political party’s primary to vote in that political committee’s election to fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives of that voter’s district. Current law states that municipal political committees alone choose new candidates to fill vacancies.

LD 461 **An Act to Allow a Holder of a Retail Liquor License to Sell to Other Licensed Entities** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROSEN	ONTP	

LD 461 proposed to allow a retailer with a license to sell wine and malt liquor to be consumed off of the premises to sell wine and malt liquor to other entities with a license to sell liquor for on-premise consumption.

LD 500 **An Act to Establish an Administrative Procedure to Hear Polling Place Violation Complaints** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GLYNN	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 500 proposed to establish a procedure for addressing polling place violation complaints.

LD 501 **An Act to Eliminate Voter Registration on Election Day** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ANDREWS	ONTP A OTP B OTP-AM C	

LD 501 proposed to eliminate voter registration on election day.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-497), which was a minority report, and not adopted, proposed to replace the original bill and give municipalities the option to decide whether they will accept voter registrations on election day. The effective date of the bill would have been delayed to allow municipalities a statewide election before the option would take effect.

House Amendment "A" (H-577), which was not adopted, proposed to regulate, rather than eliminate, election day voter registration by requiring the voter to execute a sworn statement, witnessed by the registrar, stating the voter's name, date of birth and mailing and street addresses.

LD 535 **An Act Regarding Burial at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT WILLIAMS	ONTP	

LD 535 proposed to allow the use of private burial services for eligible veterans and eligible dependents at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, providing the costs of the private services are not borne by the State.

LD 543**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Purchase of Liquor by Commercial Entities****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIEH KILKELLY	ONTP	

LD 543 proposed to permit persons authorized to sell liquor for on-premise consumption to purchase liquor from a state discount liquor store at the discount retail price and require wholesale licensees to accept returns of malt liquor and wine purchased by retail and on-premise licensees.

LD 560**An Act to Promote Ballot Clarity****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEIL	ONTP	

LD 560 proposed to require that all referendum questions proposed by the Legislature, including bond issues, constitutional resolutions and referendum questions required by a referendum clause, be reviewed by the Secretary of State. This review would have been conducted through a ballot clarity board created by the Secretary of State.

LD 583**An Act to Promote Competition in the State's Liquor Industry****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT LEMONT	ONTP	

LD 583 proposed to repeal the section of law that imposes pricing limits on agency liquor stores.

LD 594**An Act to Privatize the Liquor Industry****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 594 proposed to eliminate state and agency liquor stores as well as price-setting and wholesale activities by the State. The Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations and the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement would have maintained the power to collect taxes, issue licenses and ensure compliance with the state liquor laws under this bill.

LD 600**An Act to Prohibit Convicted Felons from Voting****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACK	ONTP	

LD 600 proposed to prohibit convicted felons from voting.

LD 611**Resolve, to Allow Lawsuit Against the State of Maine****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS	ONTP	

LD 611 proposed to authorize Robert Gray to sue the State. The resolve also proposed to authorize the release of certain confidential information pertaining to Robert Gray's claim which stated that errors made by state officials caused children to believe that they had been victims of a crime.

LD 620**Resolve, to Allow James E. Segien of Eastport to Sue the State and the Town of Eastport****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODWIN	ONTP	

LD 620 proposed to authorize James Segien of Eastport to sue the State of Maine and the Town of Eastport for damage done to his pier by the sewage outfall from Eastport's municipal sewage treatment plant.

LD 639**An Act to Improve the State's Democracy by Increasing Access to the Ballot and Other Election Processes****PUBLIC 450**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-266

LD 639 proposed to increase access to election procedures for new parties, unenrolled candidates and unenrolled voters as follows:

1. Modify the frequency of the 5% vote requirement from the current two-year cycle to a four-year cycle;
2. Allow that a party that forms around a candidate be recognized as qualified to participate in a primary election once it has filed the consent of the candidate;
3. Clarify the petition filing procedures for new political parties by adding a separate and earlier filing deadline for petitions to be submitted to local election officials before the petitions are submitted to the Secretary of State and allows that a party that forms by petition will be recognized as qualified to participate in a primary election once it has filed the petition with the Secretary of State;

4. Allow any registered voter to sign a petition to form a new political party so long as the voter is not enrolled in a political party;
5. Protect the use of the word "independent" so it may be used only by candidates who do not belong to any political party;
6. Improve access to municipal lists of registered voters; and
7. Provide that until September 1, 2000, if municipal officers are unable to appoint a sufficient number of election clerks from major parties, the officers may appoint any registered voter including voters who are not enrolled in any party, provided the balance between major parties is maintained.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-266) proposed to change the requirement that petitions to form a new political party have signatures equal to at least 5% of the votes cast in either of the last two preceding gubernatorial elections rather than the last preceding gubernatorial election. It also removed the prohibition on appointing election clerks after September 1, 2000 from the original bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 450 amended Title 21-A to increase access to election procedures for new parties, unenrolled candidates and unenrolled voters as follows:

1. Modifies the 5% vote requirement to be based on either of the last two preceding gubernatorial elections;
2. Allows that a party that forms around a candidate be recognized as qualified to participate in a primary election once it has filed the consent of the candidate;
3. Clarify the petition filing procedures for new political parties by adding a separate and earlier filing deadline for petitions to be submitted to local election officials before the petitions are submitted to the Secretary of State and allows that a party that forms by petition will be recognized as qualified to participate in a primary election once it has filed the petition with the Secretary of State;
4. Allows any registered voter to sign a petition to form a new political party so long as the voter is not enrolled in a political party;
5. Protects the use of the word "independent" so it may be used only by candidates who do not belong to any political party;
6. Improves access to municipal lists of registered voters; and
7. Provides that until September 1, 2000, if municipal officers are unable to appoint a sufficient number of election clerks from major parties, the officers may appoint any registered voter including voters who are not enrolled in any party, provided the balance between major parties is maintained.

LD 641

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Require a Fixed Number of Signatures on Initiative Referenda
Petitions**

**DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 641 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to require a valid direct initiative petition to carry the signatures of at least 50,000 registered voters.

LD 642

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Require That Petition Signatures Be Based on 10% of Registered
Voters**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	ONTP	

LD 642 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that the number of signatures on a direct initiative petition equals at least 10% of the number of citizens registered to vote on the date of the last gubernatorial election.

LD 644

**An Act to Provide Opportunity for an Increase in Wine-tasting Locations
for Farm Wineries**

PUBLIC 275

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE WHEELER G	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-246

LD 644 proposed to allow a holder of a farm winery license to apply for licenses for up to four additional locations for the tasting of wine.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-246) amended the original bill by decreasing the number of additional locations for the tasting of wine a farm winery licensee may apply for from four to two. It clarified language pertaining to serving limits of spirits, wine and malt liquor to one person at one time

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 275 permits a holder of a farm winery license to apply for two additional locations for a wine-tasting event. It also clarifies language in existing law pertaining to serving limits of wine, malt liquor and spirits to any one person at one time.

LD 668**An Act to Amend the Term "Veteran" for Property Tax and Burial Purposes****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT MADORE	ONTP	

LD 668 proposed to provide for property tax exemptions and burial benefits for veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have served in certain federally recognized periods of conflict. This bill proposed to extend these property tax exemptions and burial benefits to all veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.

LD 679**An Act to Submit Legislative Term Limits to Referendum in November 1999****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRIPP KONTOS	ONTP	

LD 679 proposed to submit a repeal of the term limits law to the voters for approval at a statewide referendum.

LD 714**An Act to Allow Multipart Referendum Questions for Referenda at the Municipal Level****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GLYNN AMERO	ONTP	

LD 714 proposed to authorize governing bodies at a local level to set forth referendum questions constructed to offer multiple choices to the voter.

LD 717**An Act to Amend the Election Laws****PUBLIC 426**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE DAGGETT	OTP-AM	H-622 H-663 CHIZMAR

LD 717 proposed to change the definition of a write-in candidate and requires that the candidate file a declaration of write-in candidacy with the Secretary of State in order to be considered a valid write-in candidate and be included in the election tabulation. The bill proposed to clarify the term of office for a registrar who is also a municipal clerk. The bill proposed to require that a candidate who wishes to withdraw, for reason other than death or disqualification, must do so at least 60 days before the primary in order to be allowed to replace the candidate. The bill also proposed to allow student election clerks to be appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of election clerk. The bill proposed to move the deadline for a municipality to hold a hearing on consolidating or establishing new voting districts from 60 to 90 days before the election. The bill also proposed a change to the deadline for requesting a recount from seven business days to

five business days after the election. The bill would remove the Secretary of State's responsibility for assisting the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Campaign Practices with its duties under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A. The bill proposed to make other technical changes that correct inconsistencies with other parts of the laws.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-622) proposed to make technical changes to the original bill. It removed the provision that allows student election clerks to fill vacancies in the office of election clerk. It clarified references to residential care facilities.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-663) clarified that the provisions of the committee amendment apply to Level II licensed residential care facilities rather than to all licensed residential care facilities. It deleted a reference to Level II with respect to licensed nursing homes.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 426 changes the definition of a write-in candidate and requires that the candidate file a declaration of write-in candidacy with the Secretary of State to be considered a valid write-in candidate. This law also requires a candidate, who wishes to withdraw from an election, for reason other than disqualification or death, to do so at least 60 days before the primary in order to be allowed to replace the candidate. Public Law 1999, chapter 426 also extends the deadline for a municipality to hold a hearing on consolidating or establishing new voting districts from 60 to 90 days before the election. The deadline for requesting a recount of election results is changed from seven to five business days under this law. Among other minor technical changes and clarifications, this law removes the responsibility from the Secretary of State to assist the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices with its duties.

LD 759

An Act to Expedite Disputes among Commercial Landlords and Tenants

PUBLIC 192

Sponsor(s)
DAGGETT

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-129

LD 759 proposed to expedite disputes among commercial landlords and tenants. The bill would allow the landlord and tenant the opportunity of choosing arbitration as a way of resolving a dispute. The bill also proposed to establish a bonding mechanism for commercial landlord and tenant relationships. The bill also proposed to authorize a negotiated waiver of jury trial.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-129) made technical corrections to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 192 provides that a landlord and tenant have the opportunity to choose arbitration as a method of resolving a dispute. It also establishes a bonding mechanism for commercial landlord and tenant relationships and authorizes a negotiated waiver of jury trial.

LD 773

An Act to Require the Missing-in-Action Flag to Be Flown on State-owned Flag Poles

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
TRUE

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 773 proposed to require that the missing-in-action flag be flown from each flag pole where the state flag is flown.

LD 850

An Act to Institute Wild Number Beano

PUBLIC 419

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	OTP-AM	H-675

LD 850 proposed to allow an organization licensed to conduct beano to conduct wild number beano. "Wild number beano" means a beano game or series of beano games in which a number is picked or denoted as a wild number that can be used to fit any number or letter on a beano card.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-675) proposed to make technical corrections to the original bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 419 allows an organization licensed to conduct beano to conduct wild number beano. "Wild number beano" means a beano game or series of beano games in which a number is picked or denoted as a wild number that can be used to fit any number of letter on a beano card.

LD 865

An Act to Make Uniform Hours for Agency Liquor Stores

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 865 proposed to remove the prohibition on selling liquor on Sunday mornings before 9 a.m., which would make hours of sale the same for all days of the week.

LD 868

An Act to Eliminate the Requirement of Cash on Delivery for Beer and Wine Sales to Businesses

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE MACK	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 868 proposed to repeal the law which requires cash, check or credit card payment by a licensee upon delivery of liquor by a wholesale licensee.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FERGUSON	OTP MAJ	
RINES	ONTP MIN	

LD 872 proposed to change the names of the Maine Clean Election Act and the Maine Clean Election Fund to the Maine Public Election Act and the Maine Public Election Fund, respectively.

LD 873**An Act to Clarify Municipal Responsibility for the Maintenance of Veterans' Gravesites****CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE BERRY R		

LD 873, which was carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to update and to amend municipal responsibilities for veterans' grave sites, including:

1. Changing the term "soldier or sailor who served in the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps in any war" to "veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America";
2. Changing the liability of the municipality for failing to properly maintain veterans' grave sites from \$100 per town to \$500 per cemetery for each municipality;
3. Changing the term "May 30th" for the decoration of veterans' graves to "the day Memorial Day is observed"; and
4. Requiring municipalities to follow the National Flag Code in the handling and display of American flags.

LD 885**An Act to Decrease the Time by Which Rent Is Considered Late****INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIZMAR	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 885 proposed to decrease the time by which rent is considered late from 15 days to eight days.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-285), which was not adopted, proposed to reduce the time by which rent is considered late for purposes of the imposition of a late fee to seven days.

LD 898**An Act to Require Proof of Liquor Liability Insurance Upon Demand by a Municipality****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LEMOINE PENDLETON	ONTP	

LD 898 proposed to authorize municipalities and unincorporated places to require, from an applicant for a liquor license, proof of liquor liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$50,000 before approval of an application for a liquor license would be granted. The insurance policy must have included a provision that requires the insurer to notify the municipality or unincorporated place of a lapse in coverage under this bill. Any lapse in coverage would have resulted in automatic revocation of a liquor license. If the licensee could show proof of new insurance or give good cause as to the reason for the lapse, the revocation would be withdrawn.

LD 899**An Act to Establish a Part-time Liquor License****INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HONEY GOLDTHWAIT	OTP-AM	

LD 899 proposed to establish a six-month part-time license to sell alcoholic beverages.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-286) proposed to stipulate that only one part-time liquor license could be purchased in a calendar year. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 920**An Act to Create a Lottery Ticket to Reduce Hunger in Maine****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER KONTOS	ONTP	

LD 920 proposed to create a lottery ticket, the net proceeds from which, would have been distributed equally between two accounts to benefit the school lunch program and to help provide food for children of low-income families.

LD 954**An Act to Improve Alcohol Server Education Courses****PUBLIC 519**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT FERGUSON	OTP-AM	S-228

LD 954 proposed to amend the alcohol server education course as follows.

1. It would allow for the admissibility of evidence that serving practices were not negligent or reckless for servers who attend alcohol server education courses recommended by the Server Education Advisory Committee and approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety.
2. It would adjust the membership of the Server Education Advisory Committee to reflect current attendance.
3. It would allow the Server Education Advisory Committee to relax the preevaluation process for certain alcohol server courses.
4. It would reduce the fee for attending an alcohol server education course sponsored by the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement from \$28 to \$10 and dedicates the fee to maintaining alcohol server education training.
5. It would create a certification process for alcohol server course instructors.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Public Safety.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-228) proposed to provide that the advisory committee may exempt courses from evaluating their participants. It would further clarify the bill to refer to the administrator of the instructor certification program as program administrator instead of officer of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety. The amendment proposed to remove the decrease in fee for the alcohol server training course and reinstates the \$28 amount. A provision that allows the bureau to adopt rules to waive the fee in cases of demonstrated need and hardship is also added to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-598), which was not adopted, proposed to require all alcohol servers working in establishments open for the purchase of liquor between the hours of 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. the following day to complete a certified alcohol server education course. The employment of uncertified alcohol servers in such places of business would be prohibited under this amendment.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-605), which was not adopted, proposed to prohibit the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement from charging a fee for alcohol server education courses.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 519 amends the law pertaining to alcohol server education courses as follows>

1. It allows for the admissibility of evidence that serving practices were not negligent or reckless for servers who attend alcohol server education courses recommended by the Server Education Advisory Committee and approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety.
2. It adjusts the membership of the Server Education Advisory Committee to reflect current attendance.
3. It allows the Server Education Advisory Committee to relax the preevaluation process for certain alcohol server courses.
4. It reduces the fee for attending an alcohol server education course sponsored by the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement from \$28 to \$10 and dedicates the fee to maintaining alcohol server education training.
5. It creates a certification process for alcohol server course instructors.

LD 966 **An Act to Allow Indian Gaming at Established Commercial Race Tracks** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	ONTP	

LD 966 proposed to permit a federally recognized Indian tribe to conduct high-stakes beano or bingo at certain established commercial racetracks.

LD 973 **An Act to Amend the Illegal Transportation of Liquor Law** **VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMPSON	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-383

LD 973 proposed to increase the amounts of spirits, wine and malt liquor that may be legally transported within and into the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-383) proposed to correct an oversight in the original bill by also increasing the legal limit for importation of wine by a person who does not have a wholesale license, small brewery license or farm winery license from four quarts to 12 quarts.

LD 985

**An Act to Increase the Penalties for Providing Alcohol to a Minor,
Possession of Alcohol by a Minor and Certain Other Offenses**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASSIDY PIEH	ONTP	

LD 985 proposed to increase the penalties for certain offenses involving minors and alcohol. It provided that for offenses including the purchase or possession of liquor by a minor, the fine may not be suspended; the judge shall assign the minor to perform at least 10 hours of community service; and the minor shall attend at least two hours of alcohol counseling. It also provided for increased fines and a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 30 days for offenses including furnishing or allowing consumption of liquor by a minor.

LD 1015**Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Select Commission to Study the Opening of a Discount State Liquor Store in Fort Kent****ONTP**Sponsor(s)Committee Report
ONTPAmendments Adopted

LD 1015 proposed to implement the recommendations of the Joint Select Commission to Study the Opening of a Discount State Liquor Store in Fort Kent. The study recommends that the State not open a discount store in Fort Kent. The select commission also recommends that the decision to open the discount store in Calais be reevaluated. This resolve proposed to direct the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to provide information to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs on two issues relating to liquor sales: First, information relevant to determining whether to continue operating the discount state liquor store in Calais and secondly, information on possible changes in liquor pricing to enable agency liquor stores to increase their profits.

LD 1035**An Act to Require Maine's Off-track Betting Facilities to Promote Maine Racing CARRIED OVER**Sponsor(s)
BRUNOCommittee ReportAmendments Adopted

LD 1035, which was carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to require off-track betting facilities to display any Maine race on one-third of their monitors, unless more than one Maine track is broadcasting its races, in which case one-half of each off-track betting facility's monitors would have to be dedicated to the in-state races.

LD 1036**An Act to Repeal Term Limits for Legislators and Constitutional Officers****ONTP**Sponsor(s)
HATCHCommittee Report
ONTPAmendments Adopted

LD 1036 proposed to repeal the law which imposes term limits on Legislators, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the State Auditor. The bill would have proposed the following question to voters in a statewide referendum. "Do you favor repealing term limits for Legislators and constitutional officers?"

LD 1039**An Act to Allow Horse Racing Commencing at Noon on Sundays****PUBLIC 394**Sponsor(s)
TUTTLECommittee Report
OTP-AMAmendments Adopted

LD 1039 permits harness racing to begin at noon on Sunday. Current law provides that harness racing may not commence until the hour of 1 p.m.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-526) proposed to transfer approval for appointments and reporting requirements for the Maine State Harness Racing Commission from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over harness racing.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-528) was presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading to add the preamble necessitated by the change in confirmation procedures proposed by Committee Amendment "A."

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 394 changes current law which provides that harness racing may not commence until 1 p.m. on Sunday. Public Law 1999, chapter 394 extends a Sunday raceday by one hour, permitting racing to commence at noon.

LD 1042 **An Act to Require Liability Insurance for Sellers of Liquor Consumed on the Premises** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMPSON	ONTP	

LD 1042 proposed to require all licensees serving liquor for on-premise consumption to obtain at least \$250,000 of liquor liability insurance. Failure to maintain that insurance would result in suspension or revocation of license under this bill.

LD 1043 **An Act to Clarify the Guidelines for the Allocation of Tri-state Lottery Machines** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NASS	ONTP	

LD 1043 proposed to amend the factors considered by the Tri-state Lotto Commission when issuing a license to include seasonal and cross-border potential sales. It proposed to require that the commission provide a detailed report to an applicant who is denied a license, including proof that all considerations were properly evaluated and specifying the reason for the denial.

LD 1051 **An Act to Apportion State Lottery Funds to Pay for Quality Early Care and Education** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGLEY	ONTP A	
	OTP-AM B	
	OTP-AM C	

LD 1051 proposed to require that 10% of the State's share of all proceeds deposited into the State Lottery Fund be appropriated to the Department of Human Services to be used for Head Start and child care services.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-233) was a minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs which proposed to delay the effective date until the fiscal year beginning in July of 2000 and add an appropriation section to the bill.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-234) was a minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs which proposed to distribute 10% of all proceeds deposited into the State Lottery Fund to the Child Care Advisory Council to support Head Start and child care services and add an appropriation section to the bill.

LD 1068

An Act to Clarify Municipal Obligations to an Unlicensed Mobile Home Park

PUBLIC 203

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE	OTP	

LD 1068 proposed to permit a municipality that forecloses and takes possession of real estate on which is located an unlicensed mobile home park to close the park and, with at least 30 days' prior written notice, evict the inhabitants, if the municipality determines the park poses a risk to public health, welfare or safety. A municipality that takes possession of real estate on which is located an unlicensed mobile home park would not enter a landlord and tenant relationship with any inhabitants of the park and would not be subject to the laws governing landlord and tenant relations under this bill. These provisions are not proposed to apply to a municipality that is or becomes the licensed operator of the mobile home park.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 203 states that in the event that a municipality determines a mobile home park poses a risk to public health and that municipality forecloses and takes possession of the real estate on which the park is located, the municipality is permitted to close the park and evict the inhabitants with at least 30 days' prior written notice. Such an action does not constitute a landlord-tenant relationship and the law does not apply to a municipality that is or becomes the licensed operator of the mobile home park.

LD 1073

An Act to Relate the State Liquor Tax to the Amount Transferred to the General Fund

PUBLIC 166

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASSIDY	OTP	

LD 1073 proposed to clarify the method for setting the list price for spirits and fortified wine.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 166 clarifies current law to state that the amount of state liquor tax from the sale of all spirits and fortified wine should total an amount substantially equal to the amount of state liquor tax collected the previous fiscal year. Thus, list prices for spirits and fortified wine shall be established accordingly.

LD 1074**An Act to Change the Percent of Gross Sales of Tri-State Lotto That May Be Paid Out As Prizes****PUBLIC 64**

Sponsor(s)
CAREY

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted
S-30 DAGGETT

LD 1074 proposed to increase from 50% to 60% the percentage of Tri-state Lotto proceeds that may be paid out as prizes from 50% to 60%.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-30) added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 64 increases the percentage of Tri-state Lotto proceeds that may be paid out as prizes from 50% to 60%.

LD 1077**An Act to Prevent Minors from Acquiring Beer-making or Wine-making Equipment****PUBLIC 103**

Sponsor(s)
O'GARA
TUTTLE

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1077 proposed to prohibit the sale or furnishing of equipment that is specifically constructed, manufactured or marketed for the purpose of brewing malt liquor or fermenting or making wine to a person who is under 21 years of age except by a parent, legal guardian or custodian for use in a supervised manner. It would also prohibits possession of the equipment by a person who is under 21 years of age, unless the person is working in the scope of employment or is in the person's own home under the supervision of a parent, legal guardian or custodian. Both offenses are civil violations.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 103 prohibits the sale or furnishing of equipment for making beer or wine to a person under the age of 21 years except by a legal guardian for use under supervision. The prohibition does not apply when the use of the equipment is within the scope of the minor's employment. A violation of this provision is a civil offense.

LD 1078**An Act to Extend Term Limits for Elected Officials and Constitutional Officers****DIED IN CONCURRENCE**

Sponsor(s)
MILLS

Committee Report
OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

Amendments Adopted

LD 1078 proposed to extend the number of years of service authorized under the term limits law from eight to 12 years for Legislators, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General and from eight to 12 years for the State Auditor. The bill would have also required that the voters of the State vote on this matter at the general election held in the year 2000.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-262) proposed to change the year the referendum question to extend term limits will be placed on the statewide ballot from 2000 to 1999. This amendment was not adopted.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-707) proposed to require the extension of term limits for elected officials and constitutional officers as proposed in the bill to be submitted to the voters of this State only if, within 90 days of adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature, Legislators gather a number of signatures greater than or equal to 10% of the number of votes cast for Governor in the 1998 gubernatorial election. Signatures must be collected in each county. This amendment was not adopted.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-438) proposed to prevent those elected officials and constitutional officers that are in office on July 1, 1999 from benefiting from the extension of term limits and would change the referendum question to reflect this limitation. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1102

An Act to Reduce the Limitations on Nonprofit Organizations Holding Games of Chance

PUBLIC 295

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMERON	OTP-AM	H-468

LD 1102 proposed to allow nonprofit organizations to conduct games of chance once every six months for a maximum of three consecutive days. This bill removes that restriction.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-468) proposed to remove the restriction in current law regarding the number of licensed games of chance that may be operated by nonprofit organizations. This amendment would restore the restrictive language. It further proposed to amend the bill by changing current law, which allows nonprofit organizations to conduct games of chance once every six months for a maximum of three consecutive days, to allow for games to be conducted once every three months for two consecutive days.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 295 amended existing law which allowed nonprofit organizations to conduct games of chance once every six months for a maximum of three consecutive days, to allow for games to be conducted once every three months for two consecutive days. This increases the number of days a nonprofit can conduct games from six to eight per calendar year.

LD 1124

Resolve, to Allow David Prentiss to Sue the State

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEAL CAREY	ONTP	

LD 1124 proposed to authorize David Prentiss to sue the State. The resolve would have authorized David Prentiss to recover damages up to \$70,000 that were incurred due to the mislabeling by the Department of Environmental Protection of his business property as contaminated.

LD 1149 An Act to Require the Municipal Clerk to Attend at Least One Training Session that is Approved by the Secretary of State Every 2 Years Regarding the Conduct of Elections CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FISHER RUHLIN		

LD 1149, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposed to require each municipal clerk to attend a training session that is approved by the Secretary of State at least once every two years in regard to the conduct of elections.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Secretary of State.

LD 1162 An Act to Require Legislative Review of Rules Regarding Campaign Report Filing Forms PUBLIC 157

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT	OTP-AM	H-241 TUTTLE S-44

LD 1162 proposed to amend the Maine Clean Election Act to require legislative review of Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices rules establishing the forms to be used by candidates to file campaign reports.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-44) placed the proposed language from the original bill in the section of statute governing campaign report filing by candidates.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-241) clarified legislative oversight of rules establishing campaign report filing forms.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 157 amends the Maine Clean Election Act to require legislative review of Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices rules establishing the forms to be used by candidates to file campaign reports.

LD 1164 An Act to Clarify Landlord Access to Premises in Residential Tenancies PUBLIC 204

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT	OTP	

LD 1164 proposed to clarify a landlord's rights in cases where a tenant changes the lock to a dwelling without permission of the landlord.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 204 states that in the case of emergency a landlord may gain admission through whatever reasonable means necessary in the event the tenant changed the lock and neglected to provide the landlord with a duplicate key. The landlord may charge the tenant for any resulting damage. Public Law 1999, chapter 204 also states that if a tenant changes the lock and refuses to provide a duplicate key, the landlord may terminate tenancy with a seven-day notice.

LD 1201 An Act to Require Licensing Fees of Tobacco Products Manufacturers CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGLEY		

LD 1201, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to require tobacco products manufacturers who distribute for sale or sell tobacco products directly in the State to pay an annual licensing fee to the State of \$10,000 beginning January 1, 2000. The bill would not apply to dealers and distributors licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 703 or chapter 704 and retailers licensed under Title 22, chapter 262-A.

LD 1211 An Act to Permit Wine to be Ordered Through the Mail ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEVENS	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1211 proposed to amend the prohibition on the interstate shipping of liquor to allow the interstate shipping of wine.

House Amendment "A" (H-575), which was not adopted, proposed to replace the bill by repealing the law that deals with the prohibition of interstate shipping of liquor and would reinstate the law that relates to interstate reciprocal shipping of malt liquor and wine. The amendment also proposed to add an additional requirement to ensure that the State receives payment in an amount that would otherwise be received as taxes and makes a violation of this proposed provision a Class E crime.

LD 1235 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Increase the Number of Signatures Required on Direct Initiative Petitions ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	ONTP	

LD 1235 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that the number of signatures required on a petition to directly initiate legislation be not less than 15% of the total vote for Governor cast in the last preceding gubernatorial election.

LD 1244**An Act to Require Truth in Campaign Advertising****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLOWMAN	ONTP	

LD 1244 proposed to require that any entity advertising in support of or opposition to a candidate, when reporting roll call votes, shall list all recorded votes on that issue, explain the pending motion on which the vote was cast and accurately reflect the position taken by the candidate at the time of the vote.

LD 1254**An Act to Allow Beverage Sales from Mobile Service Vehicles on Golf Courses****INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 1254 proposed to permit the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to license golf courses to serve liquor on the course from a mobile service bar.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-467), which was not adopted, proposed to amend the original bill by setting the license fee for mobile service bars at \$100 annually.

It also proposed to clarify what may be served from a mobile service bar and add a requirement that liquor may be served only to those engaged in a round of golf.

Finally, it proposed to provide for revocation of any license held by a golf course owner for violation of the liquor laws or of rules established by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement.

LD 1257**An Act to Regulate Push Polling****CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT GLYNN		

LD 1257, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to require a person conducting a push poll by telephone for any candidate for office to disclose the name and address of the organization conducting the push poll, the name and address of the person or organization underwriting the push poll and the name of the candidate and the office for which the candidate is running if the poll is authorized by the candidate. The bill would define "push poll" as an interview with a voter that is designed to influence the voter's decision with a series of questions that appear to be an objective opinion poll concerning an issue but that are worded to suggest answers that support a certain position concerning the issue.

LD 1259**An Act to Discourage Consumption of Alcohol by Minors****DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 1259 proposed to amend the laws pertaining to consumption of alcohol by a minor by increasing the forfeiture for violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 2051 from not less than \$100 nor more than \$300 to not less than \$200 nor more than \$400 for the first offense; not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 to not less than \$300 nor more than \$600 for the second offense and from \$500 to \$600 for a third and subsequent offenses. The bill would also give the court authority to suspend a license if a minor violates Title 28-A, section 2051.

LD 1291**An Act to Amend the Liquor Licensing Laws Regarding Bed and
Breakfasts****PUBLIC 236**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER HARRIMAN	OTP-AM	H-314

LD 1291 proposed to amend the licensing requirements for bed and breakfasts to:

1. Allow a bed and breakfast to obtain a Class I liquor license;
2. Allow a bed and breakfast to obtain an off-premise catering license; and
3. Remove the restriction that a bed and breakfast may only serve liquor to bona fide registered patrons and the patron's guests.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-314) proposed to remove the provision of the bill allowing a bed and breakfast to acquire a Class I liquor license. It would also allow a bed and breakfast licensee to deliver alcohol to a room in the bed and breakfast under certain conditions.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 236 permits a bed and breakfast to obtain an off-premise catering license and allows a bed and breakfast licensee to deliver alcohol to a room in the establishment under certain conditions.

LD 1318**An Act to Amend the Treatment of Security Deposits Upon the Sale of a Building****PUBLIC 213**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAND	OTP-AM	S-128

LD 1318 proposed to make certain that tenants can recover their security deposit from a new owner. This bill was the recommendation of the Attorney General.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-128) replaced the bill. It proposed that upon the transfer of a residential rental unit there must be either an accounting and transfer of all security deposits held by the landlord or a return of the security deposits to the tenants. The amendment also proposed to clarify that an entity that acquires a residential rental unit is responsible for maintaining and returning to tenants all security deposits to the extent the previous owner accounted for and transferred the security deposits to the new owner.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 213 requires that upon the transfer of ownership of a residential unit there must be either an accounting and transfer of all security deposits held by the landlord or a return of the security deposits to the tenants. It also states that an entity that acquires a residential rental unit is responsible for maintaining and returning to tenants all security deposits to the extent the previous owner accounted for and transferred the security deposits to the new owner.

LD 1339**An Act to Provide Preference to Farmers for Disaster Relief****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AHEARNE	ONTP	

LD 1339 proposed to require that an individual whose primary source of income is the agricultural use of land receive preference in receiving disaster relief financial assistance.

LD 1406**An Act to Prevent Forgery, Alterations or Counterfeiting of Maine State Lottery Tickets****PUBLIC 176**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	OTP	

LD 1406 proposed to provide penalties for forging lottery tickets or passing false lottery tickets.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 176 makes forging, manufacturing or passing false lottery tickets a Class D crime.

LD 1431 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine INDEF PP
to Require Signatures from All Counties on Direct Initiative Petitions

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 1431 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that at least 6% of the number of signatures required on a petition to directly initiate legislation be collected in each of the 16 counties.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-487), which was not adopted, proposed to strike the provision that requires that 6% of the total number of signatures on a direct initiative petition be collected in each county. It proposed to replace that provision with the requirement that signatures be collected in each county equal to an amount no less than 6% of the total vote in that county in the last gubernatorial election.

LD 1438 An Act to Allow for Expeditious Improvements to Commercial Tracks CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT		

LD 1438, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to allow for interim payments to persons licensed to conduct pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing from the fund into which is deposited a portion of the revenue credited to the General Fund that is attributable to total wagers in excess of \$35,000,000. It also would allow commercial tracks to accumulate the balance in their share of the fund from year to year, thereby allowing tracks to fund large capital improvements.

LD 1439 An Act to Ensure the Preservation of Maine's Commercial Racetracks CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT		

LD 1439, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to allow reimbursement to commercial racetracks for expenditures needed to enhance, preserve or restore their facilities or related assets.

LD 1466**An Act to Maintain Responsible Taste Testing****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POWERS DAGGETT	ONTP	

LD 1466 proposed to require that any retail liquor licensee engaged in taste testing of wine designate an employee who is responsible for the activities of all persons conducting the tasting event and is present for the duration of the taste testing.

LD 1492**An Act to Propose Changes to the Maine Election Laws****PUBLIC 264**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANWOOD	OTP-AM	H-469

LD 1492 proposed to expand access to the ballot by presidential and vice-presidential candidates of nonqualified parties. Under this bill, these candidates are given the choice of filing by petition, as authorized by current law, or by paying a filing fee to the Secretary of State. The bill also proposed to provide for later petition filing dates.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-469), which was not adopted, proposed to replace the entire bill. It extends the date for filing nomination petitions for a slate of candidates for the office of presidential elector with the Secretary of State and the municipality.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 264 extends the deadlines from May 25 to August 8th of election year, in which the petitions will be used for filing nomination petitions for a slate of candidates for the office of presidential elector with the Secretary of State and the municipality.

LD 1503**An Act to Require any Person or Organization That Gathers Signatures on Petitions for Referendum Questions to Make Full Financial Disclosure to the Commission on Governmental Ethics****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	ONTP	

LD 1503 proposed to require a person, firm or organization that contracts, subcontracts or agrees for compensation to circulate a petition for the constitutional procedure of direct initiative of legislation or people's veto to file monthly reports with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. Information in the report must include the names and addresses of the person, firm or organization responsible for the collection of signatures and the amount of payments made to the person, firm or organization and its directors. Also required under this proposal were the names, addresses and length of residency in Maine of any persons hired or used to circulate the petition.

LD 1504**An Act to Amend the Lobbyist Registration Fee Provisions****CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY		

LD 1504, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to reduce the registration fee paid annually by lobbyists and lobbyist associates and is proposing to provide for all fees collected to be credited to a dedicated lobbyist registration fee account administered by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. The bill also would provide that the electronic filing system administered by the commission must be funded by the Maine Clean Election Fund; lobbyist registration fees, penalties and certain other revenues; and by other entities that may benefit from the electronic filing system.

LD 1544**An Act to Study the Effectiveness of Harness Racing Promotions****CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP		

LD 1544 has been carried over to the Second Regular Session. Part A of this bill is proposing to abolish the Harness Racing Promotional Board effective July 10, 2000. Part B of this bill proposes to establish the Commission to Study the Effectiveness of Harness Racing Promotions, which will report to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature no later than January 10, 2000.

LD 1555**An Act to Maintain the Viability of Maine's Liquor Industry****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER SAXL M	ONTP	

LD 1555 proposed to remove restrictions on the number of agency store licenses that may be granted by the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement in order to allow less-restricted transfers of retail and agency liquor store license to different locations within the same municipality.

LD 1560**An Act to Amend the Qualifications for Appointment of the Adjutant General and Assistant Adjutant General****PUBLIC 291**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE SCHNEIDER	OTP-AM	S-151

LD 1560 proposed to change the qualifications for the appointment of the Adjutant General and assistant adjutant general.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-151) proposed to remove the requirement that a person appointed Adjutant General or assistant adjutant general must have served at least five years in the Maine National Guard.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 291 states that a person appointed Adjutant General or Assistant Adjutant General must have attained the federally recognized rank of Colonel in the Maine National Guard.

LD 1597**Resolve, to Transfer the National Guard Armory in Skowhegan to Somerset County for Use as a County Jail****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS HATCH	ONTP	

LD 1597 proposed to instruct the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to transfer the Skowhegan armory to Somerset County for \$1.

LD 1607**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Revoke Voting Rights of Convicted Felons While they are in Prison****DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 1607 proposed an amendment to the Constitution of Maine that revokes the right of a convicted felon to vote while that felon is imprisoned.

House Amendment "A" (H-498), which was not adopted, proposed to amend the constitutional resolution to also revoke the right to vote of a person convicted of treason.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-287), which was not adopted, proposed to further amend the Constitution of Maine to give persons under guardianship for reasons of mental illness the right to vote.

LD 1631**Resolve, Authorizing Richard Paradise to Sue the State****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACKINNON	ONTP	

LD 1631 proposed to authorize Richard Paradise to bring a civil suit action against the State for damages resulting from an automobile accident that occurred on December 22, 1979 in Jackman.

LD 1644**An Act to Clarify Laws Governing Simulcasting****CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE		

LD 1644, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to amend the limitations on off-track betting facilities to clarify that, by racing the number of days prescribed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 275-N, commercial tracks are entitled to engage in simulcasting during their live race meets.

LD 1655**An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Fund Raising During the Legislative Session****PUBLIC 273**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE ROWE	OTP	S-68 RAND

LD 1655 proposed to clarify that the prohibitions against solicitation of campaign contributions do not prohibit elected officials or their agents to whom the prohibitions apply from attending a fund-raising event held by a political party and do not prohibit the advertisement of the expected presence of any such person at such an event as long as the person has no official involvement in soliciting attendance and that all the proceeds from the event are paid to the political party or a nonprofit charitable organization.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-68) removed the emergency preamble and the emergency clause.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-99) proposed to remove that portion of the bill that would allow the advertisement of the expected presence of the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer or the staff or agent of any of those persons at fund-raising events held by a political party. This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 273 provides that the prohibitions against solicitation of campaign contributions do not prohibit elected officials or their agents from attending a fundraising event held by a political party.

LD 1657

An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to Off-track Betting Facilities

PUBLIC 421

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER	OTP-AM MAJ	S-312
CLARK	ONTP MIN	

LD 1657 proposed to amend the statute for licensing off-track betting facilities to clarify that a person other than the owner of the restaurant, lounge or hotel at which the facility is to be located may be the licensed operator of the facility. This bill also proposed to expand the eligibility for reduced payments to licensees of off-track betting facilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-312) proposed to amend the bill. It changed the time period that makes licensed off-track betting facilities eligible for reduced payments to racing licensees. The amendment also restructured the liquor license issued to off-track betting facilities to require the Class A lounge and the Class A restaurant be separate from each other under the license.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 421 changes the time period that makes licensed off-track betting facilities eligible for reduced payments to racing licensees from 1997 to 2000. This law also restructures the liquor license issued to off-track betting facilities to require a Class A lounge and a Class A restaurant be separate from each other under the license.

LD 1715

An Act to Allow Charitable Nonprofit Organizations to Conduct Limited Video Gaming CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TESSIER		
DAGGETT		

LD 1715, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to allow operation of video gaming terminals by nonprofit organizations that are eligible for games of chance licenses and that are exempt from federal tax under Internal Revenue Code, Sections 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or 501(c)(19). These sections of the tax code refer to charitable organizations, civic leagues, fraternal benefit societies, domestic fraternal societies and associations and veterans organizations. Organizations that currently have licenses for electronic video machines but do not qualify under one of those code sections may apply for an initial license while they seek the required federal tax status under this bill. The organization applying for the license must own or lease the premises on which the terminals will be placed and must use the premises for its charitable or nonprofit purpose with this proposal.

This bill is also proposing that video gaming terminal manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and operators must be licensed by the Chief of the State Police, following background investigations of the applicants and their major business partners. Local approval is required for a license to operate video gaming terminals.

The license would specify the number of terminals allowed on the premises, and the maximum number of terminals allowed is five per licensee. Terminals would be licensed by the Chief of the State Police and must be connected to a

computer system operated by the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations. This computer system would provide continuous on-line monitoring of video gaming terminal activity. Persons under 21 years of age are not allowed to use the machines. Only members of the organization and their guests would be allowed to play, except that the organization may obtain a license to offer the machines for public use once every six months for a period of three consecutive days. The maximum dollar amount for each play would be \$2 and the maximum payout is \$1,000. Each game on each machine must return at least 90% of wagers to players, calculated on an annual basis with this proposal.

A single distributor would not be permitted to own more than 300 machines or 15% of the total number of machines in the State, whichever is less. A person may not hold more than one type of license; for example, a distributor may not also be a licensee or a manufacturer.

Net terminal income, which is income after payback to players, would be divided as follows: 33 1/3% to the State for payment into the Video Gaming Fund for administrative expenses, municipal revenue sharing and General Fund revenue; 33 1/3% to the distributor; and 33 1/3% to the licensee.

With this bill, licenses are issued for one year. Applicants for an initial license would pay the actual costs of processing the application and performing the background investigation.

LD 1728

Resolve, Authorizing Certain Members of the Sullivan Family to Bring Suit Against the State

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGLEY		

LD 1728, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to authorize John Sullivan, Demain Sullivan, Kristen Sullivan and Sean Sullivan to bring a civil suit against the State for damages resulting from an automobile accident, which occurred on July 2, 1998 on Route 131 in Waldo.

LD 1743

An Act to Preserve Live Harness Racing in the State

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TESSIER DAGGETT		

LD 1743, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to allow commercial tracks to accept over-the-telephone wagers on races conducted at that track, but only from individuals with prefunded accounts established at the track.

LD 1749**An Act to Require the Secretary of State to Establish a Central Voter List for the State****ONTP**

Sponsor(s)
TESSIER
KONTOS

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1749 proposed to require the Secretary of State to maintain a central voting list for the State and to update the list at least once a year by requesting the voting list from the registrar of every municipality in the State. This bill would have also required a registrar to furnish the voting list for the registrar's municipality to the Secretary of State upon request from the Secretary of State.

LD 1751**An Act to Require Voters to Sign Their Names Prior to Voting****ONTP**

Sponsor(s)
MARVIN

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1751 proposed to require a voter to sign his or her name before voting and would have required an election clerk to verify the identity of the voter by checking the signature of the voter against the signature on file for that voter in the municipality's general register.

LD 1752**An Act to Require Certain Proof of Identity to be Presented When Registering to Vote****ONTP**

Sponsor(s)
MARVIN

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1752 proposed to require a person to show a driver's license or state identification card when appearing in person to register to vote.

LD 1765**Resolve, Requiring the Director of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to Investigate the Requirements for Maine to Join the PowerBall Lottery****ONTP**

Sponsor(s)
POVICH
CAREY

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1765 proposed to require the Director of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to investigate the requirements for Maine to join the PowerBall lottery, including contacting the Multi-State Lottery Association and obtain all of the necessary information that will allow Maine to join the PowerBall lottery. The director would have been required to report back to the Legislature by January 1, 2000 with the findings of the investigation and proposed legislation to implement the PowerBall lottery in the State.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER KILKELLY	OTP-AM	H-311

LD 1766 proposed to provide the same termination notice period for rented mobile homes as for other residential buildings.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-311) proposed to replace the bill. This amendment clarified that the laws governing the termination of a tenancy in a mobile home park apply only to tenants of space in the park and not to tenants who are renting a mobile home owned by the owner or operator of the park. Termination of these tenancies are governed by the terms of the lease, or, if there is no lease, in accordance with the law governing tenancies at will.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 287 clarifies that laws governing the termination of a tenancy in a mobile home park apply only to tenants of space in the park and not to tenants who rent a mobile home owned by the owner or operator of the park.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GERRY BERUBE	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1775 proposed to direct the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency to establish a disaster relief food assistance program to be effective August 1, 1999. It also proposed to appropriate \$50,000,000 for the purpose of having the department purchase items necessary for carrying out this resolve.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT MADORE	OTP-AM	S-127

LD 1788 proposed to clarify that the seven-day notice for nonpayment evictions applies only to tenancies at will and not to leasehold tenancies.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-127) modified two additional provisions of law relating to tenancies at will to clarify that they apply only to tenancies at will.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 248 clarifies that the seven-day notice for nonpayment evictions, ground for termination notice, and writ of possession only apply to tenancies at will and not leasehold tenancies.

LD 1796

An Act to Improve the Absentee Voting Process

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAGGETT TUTTLE	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1796, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to allow any voter to vote by absentee ballot at any election, and would remove the current provision stating reasons for permitting a person to vote by absentee ballot. This bill also would clarify the procedures for requesting and issuing an absentee ballot. The bill further is proposing to refine the procedure for a candidate or a candidate's representative to inspect absentee ballot applications and envelopes on election day before the ballots are processed.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Secretary of State.

LD 1801

An Act to Enable Small Wineries to Do Business in Maine

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KONTOS TUTTLE	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1801 proposed to lower the fee for a certificate of approval for a manufacturer or foreign wholesaler of wine who ships 120 gallons of wine per year or less from \$600 to \$100.

LD 1816

An Act to Revise the Harness Racing Laws Regarding Off-track Betting

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1816 proposed to establish a 20-mile radius market area for off-track betting facilities.

LD 1817

An Act to Facilitate the Recruiting of Ballot Clerks

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1817 proposed to require an employer to allow an employee to take time off to serve as an election worker without using personal, vacation or sick time. The employer would have had to pay to an employee who takes such time off a sum that, when added to the remuneration provided by the municipality, would equal the employee's normal wages for an eight-hour work day.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOY	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1832 proposed to prohibit a state agency or independent agency employee from taking a position or expressing personal opinion in testimony before a committee of the Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-415), which was not adopted, proposed to clarify the original bill by restricting anyone officially representing a state agency from taking a position or expressing a personal opinion on an issue when testifying before a legislative committee. That person would have been permitted to provide written information and respond to committee requests either orally or in writing under this amendment.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRUE CAREY	OTP-AM	H-703 S-367 DAGGETT

LD 1837 proposed to amend the harness racing laws regarding exclusive bargaining agent elections and allows greater voter participation in the election. The bill proposed to establish a compulsory binding arbitration process to resolve disputes between exclusive bargaining agents and commercial racetracks. It would have provided for auditing procedures enabling the exclusive bargaining agents and the Harness Racing Commission to have the purse trust accounts audited. The bill also proposed to amend the definition of a commercial racetrack and makes the definition retroactive to January 1, 1999.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-703) proposed to delete all language in the original bill that would amend the laws pertaining to the relationship between the exclusive bargaining agent and a harness racing track and the distribution of the handle from harness racing events. It clarified the definition of "commercial track" retroactively. The amendment changed the way an eligible voter is determined in the process of selecting the exclusive bargaining agent. It also extended, by one year, the repeal of the laws pertaining to the relationship between the exclusive bargaining agent and a harness racing track. Finally, the amendment proposed to establish a dispute resolution process, which begins with voluntary mediation and requires a racetrack and the exclusive bargaining agent to submit to binding arbitration if no resolution is reached using a mediator.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-706), which was not adopted, proposed to remove all requirements for a harness racing track and the exclusive bargaining agent for the track to submit to binding arbitration.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-367) proposed to remove the requirement for binding arbitration and created a more detailed mediation process for the racetrack and the exclusive bargaining agent.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 482 clarifies the definition of commercial track in the harness racing industry, retroactively, and changes the way an "eligible voter" is determined in the process of selecting an exclusive bargaining agent to work with the tracks. It also extends, by one year, the repeal of the laws pertaining to the relationship between the exclusive

bargaining agent and the harness racing track. Finally, Public Law 1999, chapter 482 establishes a detailed mediation process for the racetrack and the exclusive bargaining agent.

LD 1848 **An Act to Require the Display of the Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Flag** **PUBLIC 302**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIZMAR BERUBE	OTP-AM	H-369 S-231 MURRAY

LD 1848 proposed to require the Prisoner Of War - Missing In Action flag to be flown above the State House, on a municipal flag pole whenever the flag of the United States is flown and at each reserve and National Guard facility. It also proposed to designate the third Friday in September as Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Recognition Day.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-369) proposed to delete a requirement in the bill that the Prisoner Of War - Missing In Action flag be flown on all municipal flag poles and at Armed Forces reserve facilities. It also added language that makes the display of the Prisoner Of War - Missing In Action flag at municipal offices optional. This amendment added a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-231) proposed, on behalf of the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, to avoid a conflict with Public Law 1999, chapter 19, which enacted a substantively different provision using an identical statute section number.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 302 requires the Prisoner Of War - Missing In Action flag to be flown above the State House and at Armed Forces reserve facilities. The display of the Prisoner Of War - Missing In Action flag is optional at municipal offices under this law.

LD 1856 **An Act Concerning the Distribution of Beer and Wine** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUCK	ONTP	

LD 1856 proposed to require that all beer and wine brands or labels distributed by a licensed beer and wine wholesaler to be made available to all retail licensees within that distributor's delivery area. If the brand or label is available to the wholesaler on allocation, then all retail licensees would have been able to purchase the product on a percentage basis under this bill.

LD 1869 **An Act to Establish the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Trust Fund** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NORBERT DOUGLASS	ONTP	

LD 1869 proposed to establish the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Trust Fund to be administered by the Maine Emergency Management Agency to provide disaster assistance to local governmental units and others to match federal disaster assistance funds, to provide disaster assistance to local governments when federal funds are not available and to further the support of state disaster assistance capabilities.

LD 1894

An Act to Amend the Statutes Regarding Maine Veterans

PUBLIC 288

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT MAYO	OTP-AM	S-150

LD 1894 proposed to clarify that the Maine Veterans' Homes can provide nonnursing facility care and services to eligible Maine veterans, if approved by appropriate federal and state authorities.

The bill also proposed to require that stipend funds received from the federal Veterans' Administration and retained by the Maine Veterans' Homes are to be used primarily for the payment of debt service on the debt payable by the Maine Veterans' Homes.

The bill also proposed to require veterans being discharged from hospitals and nursing facilities and requiring continuing care to receive sufficient notice of the availability statewide of the facilities and services of the Maine Veterans' Homes.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-150) proposed to remove the requirement that hospitals and nursing facilities inform certain patients of the availability of veterans' services.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 288 provides that the Maine Veterans' Homes can provide nonnursing facility care and services to eligible Maine veterans, if approved by federal and state authorities. This law also requires that stipend received from the federal Veterans' Administration and retained by the Maine Veterans' Homes are to be used primarily for the payment of debt service on the debt payable by the Maine Veterans' Homes.

LD 1901 An Act to Prohibit the Scalping of Entertainment Tickets CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SULLIVAN		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1901, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to make it unlawful to resell a ticket to a sporting event or other public entertainment at a public facility at an inflated price, a practice commonly known as "ticket scalping."

LD 1903 Resolve, to Study the Needs of Maine Veterans and Their Families ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GERRY RUHLIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1903 proposed to establish the Commission to Study the Needs of Maine Veterans and Their Families. It would have required a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2000.

LD 1918 An Act to Change Certain Laws Affecting the State Legislature ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MACK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1918 proposed to change current law to permit the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer or their staffs to accept campaign contributions up until the second day of January after the Legislature convenes instead of the date on which the Legislature convenes. This bill would have also specified that only lobbyists or lobbyist associates that are registered in this State are prohibited from contributing to campaigns during the time when the Legislature is meeting.

LD 1932 An Act to Create the Beano and Games of Chance Commission CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAREY		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1932, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to create the Beano and Games of Chance Commission. It is proposing to replace the Chief of the State Police as the administrator of the beano and

games of chance laws with the commission. The Chief of the State Police remains the enforcement body with regard to beano and games of chance.

The Beano and Games of Chance Commission would consist of five members appointed by the Governor and subject to approval by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal and veterans affairs.

LD 1938

An Act to Provide Equity for Veterans of the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf Conflict

PUBLIC 462

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE	OTP-AM	S-291 S-330 DAGGETT

LD 1938 proposed to expand the description of the Persian Gulf War period in various provisions of law to coincide with the federally recognized war period. It proposed to give Persian Gulf War veterans the same preferences in employment, rights to burial in the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery and property tax exemptions as veterans of other wars.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-291) proposed to add a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-330) proposed to extend to Vietnam veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the federally recognized period the same preferences in employment, rights to burial in the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery and property tax exemptions that veterans of other wars receive.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 462 expands the description of the Persian Gulf War to coincide with the federally recognized war period. It gives those who served in the Persian Gulf War or those who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War the same preferences in employment, rights to burial in the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery and property tax exemptions that veterans of other wars receive.

LD 1945

Resolve, Authorizing the Family of Adam Wilson to Sue the Town of Rockport

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE C	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1945 proposed to authorize Theresa, Kenneth and Adam Wilson, of Warren, to sue the Town of Rockport for damages resulting from an accident on Route 73 in Thomaston, Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-348), which was not adopted, is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs, and proposed to do the following:

1. Add a mandate preamble;
2. Reference the standards that must be applied by the court in determining any liability or damages;
3. Increase the amount of recovery authorized from \$500,000 to \$750,000;

4. Remove section 2 of the resolve as it is redundant; and
5. Add a fiscal note to the resolve.

LD 1997 **An Act to Amend the Election Laws to Prohibit Signing Nomination Papers for More than the Number of Seats Available** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RINES	ONTP	

LD 1997 proposed to amend current law regarding elections to town offices by restoring the provision, deleted in 1995, that a voter may sign only as many nomination papers for each office as there are vacancies to be filled. The bill also proposed to extend this limitation to nomination papers for state and county offices.

LD 2008 **An Act to Amend the Maine Clean Election Act** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RINES	ONTP	

LD 2008 proposed to amend the Maine Clean Election Act to eliminate the requirement that a candidate raise a certain amount of money in order to get public financing. The bill would have required that in order to be certified as a Maine Clean Election Act Candidate, the candidate must collect twice the number of signatures required for a candidate by petition.

LD 2020 **Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to License an Agency Liquor Store in the City of Caribou** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEAL KIEFFER		

LD 2020, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to direct the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to license an agency liquor store in the City of Caribou no later than 60 days after the effective date of this resolve.

LD 2032 **An Act to Clarify Maine's Campaign Finance Laws** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT		

LD 2032, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to exempt a candidate for Governor from the limitations on contributions if an opponent or spouse of an opponent lends or contributes an aggregate of at least \$25,000 to the opponent's gubernatorial campaign.

LD 2061**An Act to Enhance Harness Racing in the State****INDEF PP**Sponsor(s)
TESSIERCommittee ReportAmendments Adopted

LD 2061 proposed to authorize the operation of video lottery terminals at existing regulated pari-mutuel facilities and establish the State's share of net terminal income at 40%.

This bill was not referenced to a committee.

LD 2133**Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to Simplify the Reporting Form for Candidates CARRIED OVER**Sponsor(s)
LIBBYCommittee ReportAmendments Adopted

LD 2133, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to direct the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to revert to the format used in the reporting form for candidates in 1996, except that a check-off box may be added to identify the nature of certain types of expenditures and revenues.

LD 2134**An Act to Improve Maine's Ballot Access Law****ONTP**Sponsor(s)
LAWRENCECommittee Report
ONTPAmendments Adopted

LD 2134 proposed to remove the provision in current law for the establishment of a political party that requires a candidate for Governor or President from the proposed party to get 5% of the total vote cast in the last preceding gubernatorial or presidential election. It proposed to replace this provision with the requirement that provides a list of registered voters, enrolled or provisionally enrolled in the proposed party, equal at least 1/2 of 1% of the total number of Maine residents (about 6,000 voters) in order to establish the party. The bill would have also allowed for provisional enrollment in parties seeking full party status. Under this proposal, an enrollee would have been provisional until such time as the party attains full party status.

LD 2141**An Act to Remove the Limit on the Amount of Complimentary Wine that a Wine Retailer may Receive Annually CARRIED OVER**Sponsor(s)
MUSE
RANDCommittee ReportAmendments Adopted

LD 2141, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to remove the limit on the amount of wine samples that certain retailers licensed to sell wine may receive from a small brewery, farm winery or wholesaler.

LD 2148**An Act to Improve Harness Racing in the State****CARRIED OVER**Sponsor(s)
TESSIERCommittee ReportAmendments Adopted

LD 2148, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to authorize the operation at existing regulated pari-mutuel facilities of video lottery terminals and would establish the State's share of net terminal income at 40%.

LD 2153**An Act to Modify the Campaign Finance Laws with Regard to Running for Federal Office****CARRIED OVER**Sponsor(s)
MCALEVEYCommittee ReportAmendments Adopted

LD 2153, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to require a state Legislator who is running for a federal office to file a report with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. This bill also would change the law to exempt solicitations or contributions made during a legislative session for the purposes of supporting a campaign for federal office.

LD 2162**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons with Mental Illness to Vote****CARRIED OVER**Sponsor(s)
BRENNAN
DAGGETTCommittee ReportAmendments Adopted

LD 2162, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes upon approval at referendum, to remove the current restriction that prohibits persons with a mental illness from voting.

LD 2183**An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Laws Administered by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices****CARRIED OVER**Sponsor(s)Committee ReportAmendments Adopted

LD 2183, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to clarify numerous issues affecting the efficiency and performance of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. It would more clearly outline for Legislators the standards of conduct and conflict of interest provisions, financial disclosure requirements, advisory opinions and conflict of interest complaint procedures. The bill proposes to make consistent with other provisions of law those items that are considered a gift to Legislators. Penalty provisions of \$10 per day for failure to file a financial disclosure report are proposed. A four-year statute of limitations for complaints on legislative conduct is proposed.

The duties and responsibilities of the treasurer for a political action committee are clarified. The bill allows a deputy treasurer to be appointed as having the same authority as the treasurer. Procedures and requirements for dissolving political action committees also are outlined.

A limitation on the use of campaign contributions for personal use is proposed and those things that are considered personal use are described.

The bill grants the commission greater flexibility in determining penalties for violations concerning campaign finance reports if bona fide efforts were made to file the report.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Commission on Governmental Ethics.

LD 2195 An Act to Allow a Specialty Wine Store to Provide Free Wine Samples CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACK		

LD 2195, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to allow a specialty wine store to give wine samples. The bill is proposing to require the store to have a designated area for the sampling of the wine and also to establish conditions under which the wine sampling may take place. Finally, the bill is proposing to allow an unlimited number of taste testings per month and require a retail licensee to charge for the wine tasting.

LD 2200 An Act to Permit Persons Out-of-state to Ship Malt Liquor and Wine to Maine Residents CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE WHEELER G		

LD 2200, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to allow a person outside of this State to ship to a household in Maine up to 2.4 gallons of malt liquor and 2.4 gallons of wine per month.

LD 2224 An Act to Clarify the Definitions of "Contribution" and "Expenditure" under the Campaign Finance Laws PUBLIC 432

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE LAWRENCE	OTP-AM	H-676

LD 2224 proposed to clarify what the definition of "contribution" does not include for the purposes of the law regarding campaign reports and finances. This bill also proposed to clarify what the definition of "expenditure" does not include for the purposes of the law regarding campaign reports and finances. Under the bill neither contributions nor expenditures would include documents created or maintained by a political party for the general purposes of party building, certain compensation paid by a political party to an employee, campaign training sessions provided to three or more candidates or the use of office equipment that involves no additional cost to the provider.

